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Wing Christmas Party set for Dec. 6

For the first time in several years, the 908th will hold a wing-wide Christmas party. Titled "A Hawaiian Christmas," the tropical-themed party will be held Dec. 6 at the Montgomery Civic Center and will last from 6 to 12 p.m.

The Planning Committee is seeking committee members and volunteers/helpers to make this the best Christmas party ever. A working lunch for those interested in helping will take place Saturday of October UTA, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Riverfront Dining Facility. Contact Major Kelly Maiorana for more details at DSN 493-9702 or (334)953-9702.

More hours added to register cars

Reservists needing to register their vehicles, can now do so on Saturday of UTA weekends.

"We've expanded services and now offer vehicle registration on Saturday in Bldg. 1056 as well as in Pass and ID," said Master Sgt. Tim Oliver, 908 SFS.

The added hours for registration are from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Family Support area of Bldg. 1056. People will need proof of insurance, valid driver's license and vehicle registration card.

Regular vehicle registration continues at the Visitor's Center next to the Bell Street Gate from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on UTA Sundays



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

From left, 908AW Commander Col. James Stewart, Jerri Klemme-Zaiac, Maj. Janey Worth, Rosemary Dragotta and Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, pose for a photo opportunity at the Air Force Association's national convention Sept. 15. Worth was named AFA's Citizen Airman Award recipient. Her employer, Managed Access, represented by Klemme-Zaiac and Dragotta, was named Employer of the Year.

Flight nurse, employer earn national awards

By Maj. Jerry Lobb
908AW Public Affairs

Maj. Janey Worth, a flight nurse with the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was awarded The Air Force Association's Citizen Airman Award Sept 15 at AFA's national convention in Washington D.C.

Her civilian employer Managed Access, based in Tampa, Fla., was also honored with the association's Employer of the Year award. She serves as an account executive with the firm.

Worth and Managed Access president, Jerri

Klemme-Zaiac accepted their awards from AFA Board Chairman John J. Politi before a large audience.

The flight nurse was recognized for her service, particularly her deployment for 90 days to the Middle East last summer. While deployed to several locations from Oman to Afghanistan, she served as a medical crew director flying five aeromedical evacuation missions, two of which were combat missions. She also worked to ensure her unit's medical supply kits of equipment and medications

were fully stocked and ready. During her off hours she assisted key support agencies and morale programs.

"My family at Managed Access has been great. They've always supported me and never questioned time off I've needed to perform reserve duty," Worth said. They sent her care packages while she was deployed and they regularly expressed their support and kept her up to date with her accounts at home through e-mail. When she returned Klemme-Zaiac made it clear she was free to, and should,

spend time with her family before returning to work.

"We were star-struck when we found out about this award. We couldn't believe this was happening to our small company," said Managed Access president Klemme-Zaiac. "It is an emotional event for us. Everyone in the company, our family members and business community are really excited about this award."

Managed Access is a medical staffing and project

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Are you ready? We're heading into UCI home stretch



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

I want to talk to you a moment about a very important event coming up – the UCI. We are in the home stretch with only two UTA days remaining to prepare for the arrival of the UCI team from the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General's office. As a part of your final checks, I recommend you review the UCI Preparation Helpful

Hints on page 4 and ensure your section or squadron has completed each of the items listed.

I also think we have some programs that go far beyond mere compliance and are candidates for benchmark programs. These include: the management of our government travel card; maintenance's Operational Risk Management training program; and our development of an

annual training plan. If you think your program or process is the best...take a bit of time to build a document or presentation to clearly illustrate it to the inspection team.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to all who participated in, and helped deploy our folks in support of Coronet Oak.

Have a great UTA!



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For information about this schedule, call Jeff Melvin at (334) 953-7874.

Every day should be a day of prayer, reflection



By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford
908th Airlift Wing staff chaplain

A few weeks ago, (on Sept. 11) we honored Patriot's Day. The President called for this day to be a day of "reflection and prayer" for all Americans.

We have many national days of prayer and reflection – Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving. We take time on

each of these days to remember the great freedoms we have, and to remember those sacrificed for these freedoms.

Even with each of these special days – every day should be a day of reflection and prayer. We should spend a few moments each morning and evening reflecting on the

blessings and task God has placed upon us. The first thoughts when we wake up and the last thoughts when we lay down should be devoted to God. We need to ask how have we served Him and then look to what we need to do different.

Let's make every day a day of Prayer and Reflection.

Flight nurse, employer earn national awards

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management company serving the needs of hospitals and managed care organizations nationwide and internationally. The company operates with 10 employees, one of them being an active reserve flight nurse. With so few employees, giving up one of their managers for such a length of time entailed tremendous sacrifice.

"Janey is a very dedicated employee. Her experience really enlightened us about how much we depend on military people. We participated through her as a company. We felt we were doing our part by supporting her. We rearranged

the assignments of two other account executives to cover her absence. She covers Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Her accounts were very active at that time so we scrambled and worked with our two other Account Execs to cover for her," said company vice president Rosemary Dragotta, Worth's immediate supervisor.

Managed Access proudly displays the AFA certificate and a U.S. flag flown over Afghanistan on their behalf last August by Major Worth. Occupying a prominent spot in the lobby of the Tampa office, the flag and certificate are a constant reminder to both employees and visitors that freedom is a team effort.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

From left, award winners Klemme-Zaiac, Worth and Dragotta

Support Group commander aims to learn something new every day

By Lt. Col. William J. "Bill" Forshey
908th Mission Support Group commander

If you had told me 31 years ago when I was in my third week of Air Force basic military training that I would one day be a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and a Group Commander, I would have probably suggested you were on drugs.

Well, it has been 31 years since I enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and I have not had a break in service as a reservist since. In 1985, I was fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to continue my service to our country as a commissioned officer. I have been blessed to have served and am still serving with some of the most outstanding enlisted and officer personnel in this command, some of whom have now retired.

I have benefited greatly from their tutoring and mentoring but still have a considerable way to go to be what I consider "fully trained." We need to learn something new every day. When we stop learning we stop functioning as leaders as well as good followers.

I look forward to the opportunity of learning from you and with you as well as hoping I can provide the same for you in the future. God Bless you all and may God continue to Bless America.



Lt. Col. Bill Forshey

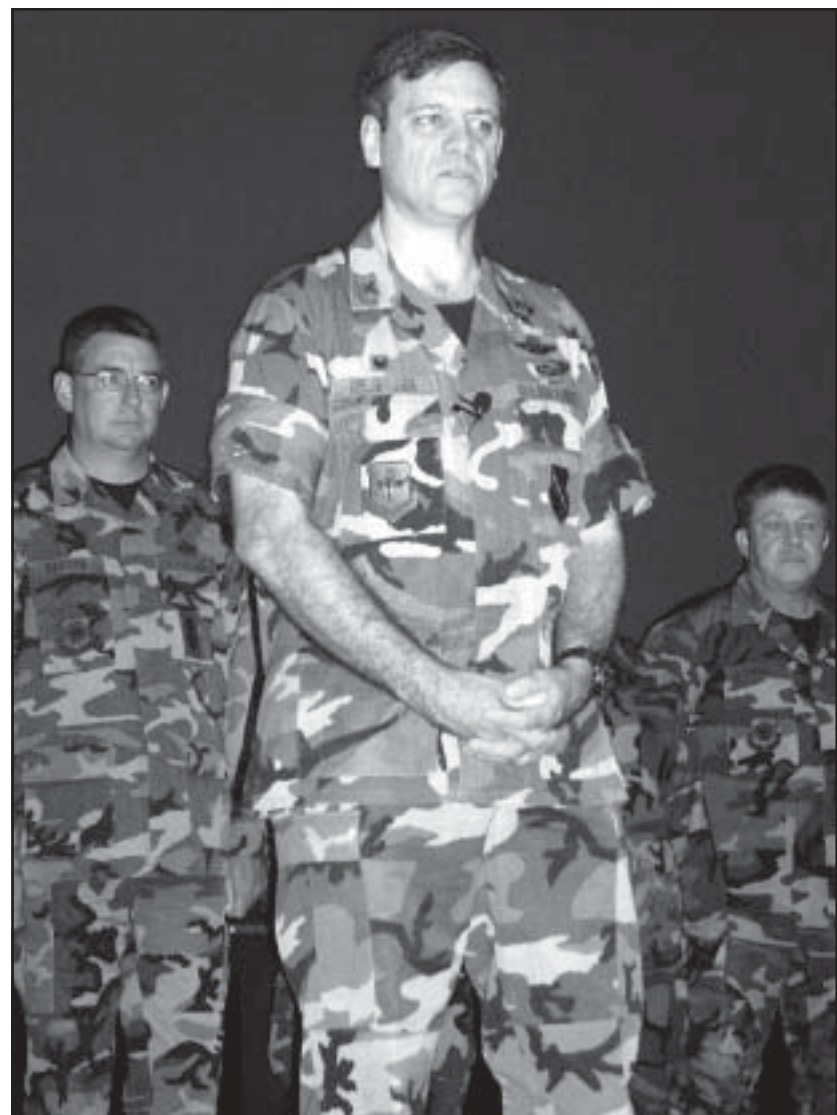


Photo by Jeff Melvin

Host wing commander thanks Security Forces

Above, 42nd Air Base Wing Commander Col. John Neubauer congratulates members of the 908th Security Forces Squadron and presents them unit coins in appreciation for their help with security matters in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001 terror attack. With active duty security forces all engaged implementing heightened security measures, the 42nd requested assistance from the 908th. Within 24 hours, 26 members of the 908 SFS volunteered for duty. Many were present for duty at guardmount the next day. The reservists continued to augment the base security forces until Nov. 5, 2001 when the entire squadron was activated to support Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Below, then-Senior Airman Jason Dunn, 908 SFS, checks a vehicle entering Maxwell AFB's Kelly Street Gate in October 2001.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Col. James Stewart passes the reins of command of the 908th Mission Support Group to Lt. Col. Bill Forshey Aug. 10.

UCI is coming

Three little letters have big implications

By Jeff Melvin
908AW Public Affairs

As if our lives weren't already dominated by three little letters with bigger than life implications, add another one to the

list. Move over, ABC, NBC, CBS. Beat it NFL, SEC or ACC. Unless you're suffering from ADD or some other affliction, U-C-I are the three little letters foremost on the minds of wing people.



Yes, November is just around the corner and that means unit compliance inspection time. The AFRC Inspector General team will visit the 908th Oct. 29 through Nov. 2 to conduct this cross-functional inspection that each wing undergoes every four years.

During an UCI, IG inspectors, selected for their subject matter expertise, look at specific functions across the wing. To ensure favorable results for the UCI, Performance Planning Officer Maj. Kelly Maiorana offers three more little letters as the key to attaining the best results, w-e-b.

Beginning the journey to our successful UCI, Maiorana suggests starting with the web, or more specifically, the AFRC IG web site at <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/HQ/>

IG. This web site provides complete details on the command self-inspection program, references, checklists, best practices and more.

Other keys to success are;

✓ Accomplish the common core checklists on the IG web site

✓ Review the three most current UCI reports on the web and specifically note your functional areas of concern.

✓ Functional area reps in work centers or organizations such as safety reps, training monitors, security managers, family care monitors, self inspections monitors, etc. should review their programs and ensure everything is current and up-to-date

✓ Perform a general office and work area clean up.



Additional areas of interest include but are not limited to: management control program; self inspection program (SITS); mentoring program; voting program, training records; unauthorized computer software; information assurance; weight management program; and time cards (ARTS).

Anyone with questions or concerns about the UCI, should talk to their supervisor or functional area manager, call Major Maiorana at (334) 953-9702 or go to the AFRC IG web site.

Air Force Reserve generals visit reservists deployed in Iraq

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Paul
U.S. Central Air Forces-Forward
Public Affairs

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM – To learn first hand the issues facing deployed members of Air Force Reserve Command, three Air Force Reserve generals traveled to several overseas locations Sept. 9-19.

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander; Maj. Gen. James Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander; and Maj. Gen. Larry Twitchell, mobilization assistant to the commander of 9th Air Force and the U.S. Central Command Air Force, went to Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations in Southwest Asia, as well as Germany. The trip to Iraq included visits to Tallil and Kirkuk Air Bases and Baghdad International Airport – home to thousands of reservists and Air National Guard members.

During those visits, the generals talked to reservists participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom to

see their working and living conditions and to address their concerns.

"The reason we are here, first and foremost, is to thank you for your service and what you do," said Batbie during a town hall meeting at one of the bases. That theme was the

message Reserve people received around the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility throughout the trip

Besides discussing issues relating directly to reservists in the field, the generals touched on other topics, including family

support, pay, the future of the Reserve components, equipment and training.

Batbie also talked to the deployed airmen about when they can expect to go home. He said most of them should be off mobilized status no later than March 2004 and they can

expect deployments to return to the volunteer, two-week tours of duty.

"Requirements are going to drive what's happening over here (Iraq) and in Afghanistan," the general said. "It will guide what's going to happen down the road, and we are going to try to do what we've done in the past with volunteers participating in two-week deployments or longer for AEF (Air and Space Expeditionary Force) support if at all possible."

After each meeting, the generals took time to meet the people and talk to them individually about additional concerns.

Batbie said that by visiting the troops in the field, he had a better understanding of conditions to make decisions about future deployments. (AFRC News Service)



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command, talks to reservists at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, during a tour of Air Force sites in Southwest Asia in September. In addition to seeing working and living conditions, the general spoke with members of the Reserve and Air National Guard about issues of concern to them.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Staff Sgt. Justin Alonzo (left) and Master Sgt. Dale Griffin, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, work with EOD technicians from the Latvian armed forces to prepare explosives for demolition. Alonzo and Griffin are on loan to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing. Both are deployed to Southwest Asia for Air Expeditionary Force Blue from Air Force Reserve Command's 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.



Photo by Maj. Robert Couse-Baker

No plans to extend Guard, Reserve

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Air Force officials do not plan to extend the involuntary deployment of Reserve and Air National Guard airmen to Iraq. About 4,700 ANG and Reserve airmen are deployed supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

According to a senior Air Force official, about 12,000 deployed Air Reserve Component airmen have already returned home.

"The (Air Force's) position all along has been that ARC personnel will be released when they've completed what they set out to do," said Col. Richard M. Stedding, senior military adviser to the deputy secretary of the Air

Force for Reserve affairs.

"The importance of returning our citizen airmen to their families and civilian jobs is well-known, and we continue to strive toward that," he said.

The Air Force is following a standing policy of doing what it can to avoid extending deployments, Stedding said. "Combatant commanders have been (asked) to make sure ARC personnel are released ... in sufficient time to return to their home units, reconstitute, take needed leave and process off active duty," Stedding said.

Army officials extended their Reserve soldiers on active duty based on mission requirements, the colonel said.

"Many provisions have been made to rotate personnel in order to main-

tain the health of the force and to meet the needs of the mission," Stedding said.

The Air Force is in the first of two 120-day transitional air and space expeditionary forces that are designed to bring the service's deployment rotation schedule back on track by March.

AEF Blue airmen deployed in July, and airmen of AEF Silver are scheduled to replace them in November.

"Everything is on track to resume the new steady state rotations of the AEF," Stedding said. "That's not to say that there won't still be some ARC members mobilized in March, but the numbers should be small and the rationale great." (Air Force News Service)

Reservists to demobilize by March

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force plans to return to its 15-month Air and Space Expeditionary Force schedule in March and expects to demobilize involuntarily called-up reservists by then or shortly thereafter.

"It's also important to point out to our force that these plans can change," said Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and Reserve affairs, in a Sept. 10 e-mail to Lt. Gen.

James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

The Air Force will remain on schedule unless Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper "are convinced that extension of deployments and mobilization are the best way to meet any expansion in the combatant commanders' requirements," Dominguez said. "Should such a case be presented

and accepted, the Air Force will provide affected airmen and their families ample notice through their chain of command."

Dominguez heads a four-division department that deals at the policy level with Air Force manpower and reserve affairs issues. His responsibilities include force management and personnel, equal opportunity and diversity, reserve affairs and Air Force review boards. (AFRC News Service)

AEF deployment may exceed 120 days for some

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Air Force officials have determined that some airmen in Air and Space Expeditionary Force Blue will remain deployed longer than the scheduled 120 days.

Blue is the first of two transitional AEFs designed to bring the schedule back to a normal rotation. Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom forced the service into a contingency mode, breaking the normal steady-state deployment schedule.

Members of AEF Blue deployed in July for a scheduled 120 days. Airmen assigned to AEF Silver are set to replace Blue in November. Officials expect the deployment schedule to be back on track by March.

About 22,000 airmen are deployed for AEF Blue -- about one in 10 will remain deployed longer than others, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon.

"Those folks are in what we term our stressed career fields," Peppe said. "About 2,300 people may be gone longer than 120 days."

"Primarily it is security forces who are extended," he said. "Some of the others may include air traffic control, civil engineering, services, medical and intelligence personnel."

Currently, AEF Center officials at Langley Air Force Base, Va., are working with combatant commanders and their Air Force components to size AEF Silver, the general said. Requirements are now just above 17,000, with more work to be done.

The general acknowledged the extra effort, but pointed out the purpose of the two AEFs is to put the Air Force back into the regular "battle rhythm."

The Air Force battle rhythm was designed to provide continuity and predictability to the airmen who support Air Force steady-state commitments around the globe. Such commitments would have included operations like Operation Northern Watch, but could be used to provide Air Force capability wherever it is needed, Peppe said.

In January, AEF 7 and AEF 8 airmen were actively supporting Air Force commitments around the globe. When it became clear there was need for a force buildup to support operations in Iraq, the Air Force "froze" them in place, effectively making their return-home date indefinite. As operational needs increased, the Air Force tapped into more AEFs, taking from each successive force package only what was needed, Peppe said. By the time it was all over, every AEF had been affected to some degree.

"We literally had some people from every AEF deployed (to) Iraq in some capacity," Peppe said. "We ended up deploying about 50,000 (airmen) and identified another 60,000 who could have gone."

Those airmen identified to support earlier operations, but who never actually deployed, are manning AEF Silver.

It is the remaining 60,000 "could-have-gone" airmen who were assigned to Blue and Silver. When AEF Silver's scheduled deployment ends, airmen assigned to AEF 7 and AEF 8 will be vulnerable for deployment as the Air Force re-establishes its battle rhythm.

"An AEF is built to be used for whatever the nation asks it to do," Peppe said. "It can be for an exercise, a contingency or a full-up war. It can be used for anything."

Climate survey solicits member feedback

Air Force leaders want to know, "How's my organization doing"

By Richard Salomon
Air Force Manpower and Innovation
Agency Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- Air Force leaders at all levels want to know, "How is my organization doing?" The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey that began Oct. 1 aims to answer this question with the help of Air Force people.

Their participation in the survey is critical, said senior leaders.

"Leadership must be made aware of what's really going on out there," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "By taking a few brief moments to fill out this survey, you can help your leaders understand your concerns and ultimately better serve you and our nation's interests."

Previous surveys included active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians. This year, the survey also will include the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, non-appropriated fund civilians and

students in a temporary-duty status.

"We want to make sure all members of the Air Force team have an opportunity to participate," said Lori Marcum, the survey's team leader. "Leaders at all levels use the Air Force Climate Survey to target areas for improvement. In order to create positive changes within an organization, (leaders) must know where to begin. This survey provides everyone an opportunity to speak out about strengths and areas for improvement in their organization."

The survey runs through Nov. 23 and can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period from either a government computer (dot-mil) or personal computer (dot-com).

Because Air Force leaders expect candid feedback, the survey team has taken extraordinary measures to ensure privacy by using advanced information-masking software. Anonymity continues to be

a key factor of the survey, officials said.

Results will be released early in 2004, said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

"The U.S. Air Force is the finest in the world, a great place to serve and raise our families. We share a commitment to make it better," he said.

Survey participation has climbed from 39 percent in 1997 and 36 percent in 1999 to more than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and civilians in the 2002 survey.

The 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., used the data from the 2002 survey as a powerful tool for change. Patrick's leaders created a performance plan called START for "Synchronize actions," "Trust people," "All accountable," "Recognize achievement" and "Tenacious execution."

The plan emphasized mentoring and individual development. It provided mission focus with clear and measurable goals, according to base officials.

Even though the base scored high in most factors, base leaders wanted to make life at Patrick even better, said Judy Nicholson, START director.

"We knew from the Air Force survey that we could improve in some areas. The work the commanders did reviewing the survey feedback resulted in START," she said.

The base introduced monthly civilian commanders' calls and created a civilian-oversight recognition team. Leaders rewrote the rules on the quarterly awards process to focus more on performance than additional duties.

To encourage attendance at commander's calls, leaders use tickets for rocket launches at nearby Cape Canaveral Air Force Station as door prizes.

Brig. Gen. J. Gregory Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander, said he continually reviews the survey results to make sure the wing is on the right track.

"START is a direct result of the Air Force survey, so we place a great deal of value on the survey data," he said. "Because of the survey, we've been able to make improvements at all levels, from top to bottom."

To complete the AF Climate Survey go to <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey will cover 13 factors that measure work experience:

- ✓ Job.
 - ✓ Resources.
 - ✓ Core values.
 - ✓ Leadership.
 - ✓ Supervision.
 - ✓ Training and development.
 - ✓ Teamwork.
 - ✓ Participation and involvement.
 - ✓ Recognition.
 - ✓ Unit flexibility.
 - ✓ General satisfaction.
 - ✓ Unit performance outcomes.
 - ✓ Job enhancement.
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Coronet Oak bound

Maintenance Group Commander Lt. Col. Kerry Kohler, left, and other 908th Airlift Wing members settle in as a unit C-130 prepares to depart for Muniz Air National Guard Base Puerto Rico Sept. 6, joining other wing personnel supporting the Coronet Oak mission. Coronet Oak is U.S. Southern Command's airlift arm. Since the late 1970s, Reserve and Air National Guard aircrews have provided SOUTHCOM with logistics and contingency support throughout Central and South America. Each Saturday, units rotate in as a "package" for a 15-day tour. An "A package" has 58 people and a "B package" 59. So there are always 117 people on board for Coronet Oak. Each package has at least 26 maintenance troops and 18 aircrew members with the rest being support staff. There's a one-week overlap between units. Units get one day to adapt to the culture and begin flying the next. The deployment, which began Aug. 30, ended Sept. 20.



October Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Oct. 3, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0900	1000	Unit Safety Reps Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	Operational Risk Management (ORM)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1200	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1200	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1700	TBD	Officer's Call	Officer Club Pit
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0815	0900	MPF In-House Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0800	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0800	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	Awards & Decorations Monitors Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1200	1500	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	M-240/M-249 Mechanical Training	Bldg. 1210/SFS
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room
Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600		
	Sat, 0800-1200 1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900 1330-1400	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1000-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

October UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the October UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala.
Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local
Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Aurora at 1900 local
Depart Aurora at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates

**Nov. 1-2; Dec. 6-7; Jan. 10-11;
Feb. 7-8; March 6-7; April 3-4;
May 1-2; June 5-6; July 10-11;
Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12**

Take Note



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

908th Alumni Reunion Dinner

Past and present members of the 908th listen to introductory remarks prior to dining at the Maxwell AFB Enlisted Club Sept. 6. The reunion organized by the 908AW Alumni Association was the first in several years. "Nearly 125 people attended. We voted to have a reunion each year. I would like to thank Harold Taylor, Gene Beasley and Joe Gargus for doing a great job of putting this year's event together. We would like to see more familiar faces next year. Next year's should be held around Sep/Nov time frame so start making plans now to attend. Everyone had a wonderful time and thanks to everyone who attended," said Alumni Association committee member Senior Master Sgt. Bill Plummer.

Shop starts award program

Tech. Sgt. Keith Rollins is the winner of the Guidance & Control Shop's new peers recognition program called "GACS Supertroop of the Month."

The program is the brainchild of Master Sgts. Douglas Dearth and Charles Johnson, GACS NCOIC and assistant NCOIC respectively, who decided a program was needed to inspire morale and esprit de corps among the troops. Each month one person will be chosen by a vote of their peers present for the UTA. The award is based on job performance, military bearing and appearance.

Rollins, the July winner, "led the charge for the Guidance and Control systems isochronal inspection require-



Tech. Sgt. Keith Rollins

ments on aircraft 85-0041. With outstanding leadership and perseverance, all inspection work cards were completed in a timely manner not withstanding a conflicting Ancillary training and immunizations schedule. At the same time the Guidance & Control Shop was involved with the annual Quality Assurance Management Inspection in preparation for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection," said Dearth in announcing the award's initial recipient.

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Chief Master Sgt.
George Edwards,
25APS

....to Senior Master Sgt.
Keith Alexander, ASTS

....to Master Sgt.
Gregory Black, CF
David Henry, AMS
William James, CES
Brandy Lindsey, ASTS
Linda Williams, 25APS

....to Tech. Sgt.
Laurie Chaisson, MSX
Nicholas Kennelly,
MXS
Joshua Morasco, MSS

....to Staff Sgt.
Louise Abara, ASTS
Marjorie Driver, MXS
Tamara Dunning,
ASTS
Dennis Ellis, CES
Durwin Law, MXS
Teri Miller, 357AS
Brian Thornton,
25APS
Gearl Wilson, AMS

....to Airman First Class
Abigail Aldridge,
ASTS
Eddie Anderson,
ASTS
Krystlemay Borja,
ASTS
Heath Garrison,
MXS
Frantina Iverson,
ASTS
Charles Jackson,
908AW
Willie Johnson, SF
Camille Scott, CF

....to Senior Airman
Daniel Ely, MXS
Thomas Fitch, LRS
Joleyn Godfrey,
ASTS
Natasha Horace,
MSS
Kenneth Perkins,
MXS
Timothy Russell,
MXS
Joshua Taylor, MXS
Robert Tomasello,
357AS
Jamaine Wade, AMS

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